

of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. --"

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-14 and add the following new claims:

SubC27 --15. (NEW) A method for use in an interactive television system, comprising the steps of:

transmitting a video signal and a plurality of first operation data from a system manager, the first operation data associated with user inputs at a subscriber terminal during a first mode, each first operation data identifying a particular operation;

receiving the video signal and the first operation data at the subscriber terminal;

storing the first operation data;

receiving a user input;

generating upstream data according to the user input; and

transmitting the upstream data to the system manager.

16. (NEW) The method of claim 15 further comprising the steps of:

transmitting second operation data to the system manager; and

receiving the second operation data at the subscriber terminal.

17. (NEW) A method for use in an interactive television system, comprising the steps of:

storing operation data, the operation data associated with at least one user input during a first mode, the operation data identifying a particular operation;

receiving a user input;

comparing the user input with the operation data stored; and

performing an operation corresponding with the operation data which matches the user input during the first mode, or an operation associated with the user input during a second mode.

18. (NEW) The method of claim 17 further including the steps of transmitting the operation data from a system manager and receiving the operation data at a subscriber terminal prior to said step of storing.

19. (NEW) A method for use in an interactive television system comprising the steps of:

storing a key template map for associating a particular key of a keypad with an operation to be performed by a processor during a first mode;

displaying a background video signal;

displaying on the background video signal a screen including an operation prompt during the first mode;

receiving a key input;

comparing the key input with the key map to determine an operation from the screen including the operation prompt during the first mode; and

performing the operation from the screen including the operation prompt during the first mode, or another operation associated with the key input during a second mode.

20. (NEW) The method of claim 19 further including the step of downloading the key template map from a system manager.

21. (NEW) An interactive television system comprising:

a display for displaying a background video signal and during a first mode displaying on the background video signal a screen including an operation prompt;

a memory for storing a key template map in which a particular key input is assigned an operation from the screen including the operation prompt displayed during the first mode;

a keypad for receiving a key input;

a processor, responsive to the key input, for comparing the key input with the key map to determine an operation from the screen including the operation prompt assigned to the key input during the first mode and performing the operation during the first mode, and for performing another operation associated with the key input during a second mode.